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SUBJ: SATELLITE RECEIVING STATION UNDER CONSTRUCTION

SUMMARY: GROUND SATELLITE STATION UNDER CONSTRUCTION NEAR ADDIS ABABA TO BE INTEGRATED INTO THE COMSAT SYSTEM. CONSTRUCTION IS BY A JAPENESE FIRM, WHILE FINANCING IS INTERNAL. COMPLETION SCHEDULED FOR LATE 1979. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING MEETING AUG 17 WITH AMBASSADOR AND ECONOMICS OFFICER, MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION YUSUF AHMED COMMENTED ON THE SATELLITE RECEIVING STATION UNDER CONSTRUCTION NEAR ADDIS ABABA. THE STATION, TO BE PART OF THE COMSAT SYSTEM, ORIGINALLY WAS TO BE ESTABLISHED PRIOR TO THE 1974 REVOLUTION, BUT CONSTRUCTION WAS DELAYED BY ETHIOPIAN OPPOSITION TO A WORLD BANK FINANCING SCHEME THAT INCLUDED AWARDING THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO AN ITALIAN CONSTRUCTION FIRM. ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE WORLD BANK WERE CONVINCED THAT JAPANESE FIRM COULD CONSTRUCT THE FACILITY BETTER AND MORE CHEAPLY. NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE WORLD BANK CONTINUED AFTER THE REVOL-
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UTION, UNTIL EVENTUALLY THE MINISTER DECIDED TO GO FORWARD WITH THE COMSAT INSTALLATION USING A JAPANESE CONSTRUCTION FIRM. HE STATED THAT HE DID THIS BECAUSE HE FEARED PRESSURES WUULD BE BROUGHT TO BEAR TO ADOPT AN ALTERNATIVE EASTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. ALTHOUGH THE JAPANESE FIRM OFFERED FINANCING FACILITIES, THE PMGSE FOUND THE COST TOO HIGH, AND DECIDED TO FINANCE THE PROJECT THEMSELVES. COM-

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PLETION OF THE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED FOR LATE 1979. (JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER CONFIRMED SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE, NOTING THAT EIGHT JAPANESE TECHNICIANS ARE PRESENTLY WORKING ON THE PROJECT AND TWELVE MORE ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, -ED.)

COMMENT: MINISTER YUSUF APPEARS TO BE ONE PMGSE OFFICIAL WHO CONCENTRATES MORE ON EFFICIENCY AND ACHIEVEMENT THAN ON IDEOLOGY.
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